

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Arcentae Broome and McGavock High School's Raider football team, the Region 5-5A Champions.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in specially recognizing and paying tribute to those high school teams and coaches who, through their many years of expertise and success, have earned a prominent place in Tennessee sports; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted athletes who, through their inspirational efforts on the field of play, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of our State; and

WHEREAS, the McGavock High School Raider football team is comprised of such estimable athletes; those remarkable young men recently claimed the 2004 Region 5-5A Championship; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, the Raiders maximized their considerable talents and attained great heights during the 2004 season; and

WHEREAS, McGavock's masters of the gridiron maintained their momentum throughout the season, resulting in the team's qualifying for the TSSAA playoffs for the first time since 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Raiders' success was driven by the efforts of a remarkably talented and diligent group of young men, the skillful direction of their coach, and the support of administrators, faculty and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Arcentae Broome is an estimable educator, whose tenure as coach of the Raider football team began with the 2004 season; under his tutelage, the team has experienced accelerated development; and

WHEREAS, during his first year coaching at McGavock High School, Coach Broome, with the support of the school community, has molded a mature cast of players whose speed, skillfulness, tackling, and outlook have grown leaps and bounds, resulting in a worthy and dangerous opponent for Region 5 foes; and

WHEREAS, according to local reports, "The team has turned into a giantkiller under first-year coach Arcentae Broome," referring to the Raider's back-to-back wins against daunting teams from Gallatin and Antioch High Schools; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Broome's leadership, the McGavock High School football team ended the season with a record of 6-4 despite facing tough competition; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October 2004, Coach Broome was named Coach of the Week by the Tennessee Titans organization for his service as a leader and his mentoring both on the field and in the History classroom, where he is known for effective motivation and contagious enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Coach Broome was twice honored with the Walter Nipper Sportsmanship Award while playing for Stratford High School (1994) and Tennessee State University (1998), and he is now able to share such honor with one of his own players, Augustus Hegman, who received the honor for exemplifying leadership, good behavior, and a positive attitude during the 2004 season; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of remarkable coaching abilities, high moral character, and commitment to integrity, Coach Broome is quickly becoming renowned for his work ethic, knowledge of the game, and caring attitude toward his players; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broome represents the ideal of a caring mentor, diligent educator, and exceptional coach, and the McGavock High School community exemplifies the strong foundations that support our youth; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize the McGavock High School community for its commitment to sportsmanship and Coach Broome for his coaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we congratulate the McGavock High School Raiders upon winning the TSSAA Region 5-5A football championship, and that we also honor and recognize Coach Arcentae Broome and the supporting McGavock High School community for their estimable leadership of Tennessee's youth, applaud their dedication to producing true student athletes, and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.